

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A nitride-semiconductor ~~comprising~~  
comprising:

a metal oxide layer,

a first nitride layer which includes said metal, formed on said metal oxide  
layer,

a second nitride buffer layer formed ~~[[on]]~~ over said first nitride  
buffer layer,

a third nitride buffer layer which does not include said metal, said third  
nitride buffer layer being formed between said first nitride buffer layer and said  
second nitride buffer, and

a nitride layer formed ~~[[on]]~~ over said nitride buffer layers.

2. (Original) The nitride semiconductor of claim 1, wherein said metal  
oxide layer is a sapphire substrate and said metal is aluminum.

3. (Original) The nitride semiconductor of claim 1, wherein said first  
and second nitride buffer layers include indium.

4. (Original) The nitride semiconductor of claim 1, wherein said  
second nitride buffer layer is a bivalent nitride layer.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The nitride semiconductor of claim 1, wherein nitride film is formed between said metal oxide layer and first nitride buffer layer.

7. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a nitride semiconductor comprising the first step of forming, on a metal oxide layer, a first nitride buffer layer including said metal ;

a second step of forming a bivalent nitride buffer layers on said first nitride buffer layers; and

a third step of forming a nitride semiconductor on said second nitride buffer layer.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing a nitride semiconductor of claim 7, wherein said metal oxide layer is a sapphire substrate and said metal is aluminum.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing a nitride semiconductor of claim 7, wherein in said first step, said first nitride buffer layer including said metal is formed on said metal oxide layer by the crystal growth method, ;

in said second step, said bivalent nitride buffer layers is formed on said first nitride buffer layers by the crystal growth method; and

in said third step, said nitride semiconductor is formed on said second

nitride buffer layer by the crystal growth method.

10. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing a nitride semiconductor of claim 7, wherein said first nitride buffer layer including metal and said second nitride buffer layer include Indium.

11. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing a nitride semiconductor of claim 7, wherein said second nitride buffer layer is bivalent nitride layer.

12. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing nitride semiconductor of claim 7, comprising, an additional step of forming third nitride buffer layer which does not include said metal, on the said first nitride buffer layer, after said first step.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing nitride semiconductor of claim 7, wherein said first nitride buffer layer is a  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_y\text{In}_z\text{N}$  ( $0 < x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq z \leq 1$ ) layer.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing nitride semiconductor of claim 7, wherein said third nitride buffer layer is the  $\text{Ga}_x\text{In}_y\text{N}$  and ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ).

15. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing nitride semiconductor of claim 7, wherein said second nitride buffer layer is a layer of one selected from AlN, GaN, InN, and SiNx.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing nitride semiconductor of claim 15, wherein said nitride semiconductor layer is a GaN layer.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing nitride semiconductor of claim 7, comprising additional step of forming a nitride film, after second step.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing nitride semiconductor of claim 17, wherein said nitride film is formed on sapphire substrate by treating sapphire substrate at the high temperature and letting ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) flow thereon.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing nitride semiconductor of claim 12, wherein said first nitride buffer layer, said second nitride buffer layer and said third nitride buffer layer are grown at the condition of 400 - 600 C to have thickness of 10-1000 Å.

20. (New) The nitride semiconductor of claim 1, wherein said third nitride buffer layer as formed from GaxInyN where  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ .

21. (New) The nitride semiconductor of claim 1, wherein said first nitride buffer layer, said second nitride buffer layer and said third nitride buffer layer each have a thickness of 10-1000 Å.